

INFORMATION PAPER

DAPE-HRS
14 October 2010

SUBJECT: Steroid Test Requests

1. Purpose: To provide information on the Army's policy for Steroid Testing.

2. Background:

a. Steroid testing is not a standard part of the Army Substance Abuse Drug Testing Program. Army Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratories (FTDTLs) test for six categories of drugs (THC, cocaine, amphetamines, opiates, PCP and oxymorphone/oxycodone).

b. The Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory (FTDTL), Fort Meade manages the Army's Steroid Testing contract. Steroid testing is expensive, time consuming, and limited in the number of tests allocated each year by DoD contract. Steroid testing may be requested on individuals for probable cause (PO) ONLY; random testing or unit sweeps will not be accepted. Prior coordination must be made through the Drug Testing Branch, ACSAP and the laboratory will also contact the commander to verify the request.

3. Facts:

a. Procedure: Specimens collected for steroids must meet the following requirements:

1) The specimen must be collected IAW established drug testing collection procedures using properly trained and current personnel.

2) A separate DD Form 2624 is required for each specimen collected.

3) The specimen bottle must be as full as possible; the minimum acceptable quantity is 60 mL.

4) The DD Form 2624 and specimen MUST be accompanied by a memorandum, signed by the Commander, requesting that the specimen be tested for anabolic steroids. See sample memorandum at Enclosure 1. The memo must identify the specimen by Base Area Code, Batch Number, date collected, specimen number, and SSN. Do NOT place the Soldier's name on the memorandum. The memo must also contain the Commander's phone number and email address so the laboratory may contact the Commander.

5) Leave block A of the DD Form 2624, "Laboratory Conducting Drug Testing", blank.

b. Specimens collected for steroids will NOT be tested for any other drugs. If the Commander wants a Soldier tested for steroids and other drugs normally tested for by the FTDTL, then a second sample must be collected from the soldier. The second sample must be on a separate DD Form 2624 and preferably shipped in a separate box to the drug testing laboratory that supports that installation.

- c. All specimens for steroid testing will be mailed IAW AR 600-85 to the address below:

COMMANDER
ATTN: PROCESSING SECTION
FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY DRUG TESTING LABORATORY
2490 WILSON STREET
FORT MEADE MD 20755-5235

d. Fort Meade FTDTL will send an aliquot of the sample under chain of custody to the contract laboratory for steroid testing. The contract laboratory will send the completed report in 6 – 8 weeks to the Fort Meade FTDTL.

4. Results Reporting: Results are reported through the LIMS. The DTC/ADCO/BAC Manager will be able to receive the results in the same manner that they receive all other drug test results via the iFTDTL portal. Steroid positive results must be processed for Medical Review IAW AR 40-51 and AR 600-85.

5. Point of contact is the Drug Testing Branch at (703) 681-5560/5562 (DSN 761-) or e-mail: **Biochem@acsap.army.mil.**

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Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Les McFarling', is written over a white background.

Les McFarling
Director, ACSAP

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Date

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY DRUG TESTING
LABORATORY, 2490 WILSON STREET, FORT MEADE MD 20755-5235

SUBJECT: Request for Steroid Testing

1. I request that the enclosed urine sample be tested for anabolic steroids. The additional required information is provided:

- a. Base Area Code:
- b. Batch Number:
- c. Specimen number:
- d. Date collected:
- e. SSN of donor: (Do NOT place the Soldier's name on the memorandum)
- f. Commander's phone number:
- g. Commander's AKO email address:

2. Enclosed is an endorsement by my servicing Judge Advocate General (JAG) that sufficient probable cause exists to support this Probable Cause (PO) drug test.

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